

Wait Until After Trial, Powers Urges Parents

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RICHMOND, Va. July 5 (AP) — Francis G. Powers, the U-2 spy plane pilot, has been emphatic in writing his family not to visit him before his Moscow trial, attorneys seeking to aid the imprisoned American said last night.

The lawyers told a news conference they could give no definite reason for Mr. Powers' comments.

Mrs. Barbara Powers, wife of the pilot, was also at the news conference. She said little during the session and the attorneys answered most questions for her.

Mr. Powers was captured by the Russians when his plane went down deep inside Russia in May.

Second Letter Received

Mrs. Powers said she had received a second letter from her husband who again said he was being well treated. She said she could not detect if the letters had been censored. Because they were intimate, she declined to release them.

The attorneys said her letters and the two Mr. Powers had written his parents at Pound, Va., had been studied carefully by psychiatrists.

The three attorneys were named by the Virginia State Bar Association to offer legal help to Mr. Powers. They have

John N. Hazard, a Columbia University expert on international law, is aiding them. He holds a law degree from Moscow University and speaks the language fluently.

Mr. Hazard said he felt Mr. Powers would be tried shortly by a military tribunal.

Mr. Hazard said he felt the Russians would lean over backwards to see that Mr. Powers got as fair a trial as possible because of the world attention the incident has received.

Premier's Convenience

He also said he thought the timing of the trial would be arranged to suit Soviet Premier Khrushchev's convenience.

"I suspect if there is a trial

there will be a conviction," Mr. Hazard said.

A conference preceding the press session was the first meeting of the attorneys. Mr. Hazard and Mrs. Powers. Mr. Hazard is leaving soon for Europe.

The attorneys named by the bar association to offer aid to Mr. Powers are: Alex W. Parker, Richmond; John C. Parker, Franklin and Frank W. Rogers, Roanoke.

Mr. Rogers acted as spokesman for the group.



Mrs. Barbara M. Powers, wife of U-2 pilot Francis G. Powers, appears at a news conference in Richmond, Va., as attorneys were named to offer aid to her husband, waiting trial in Russia.